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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN FONMIN CONCLUDES MADRID VISIT

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1. BENHIMA DEPARTED MADRID APRIL 26 AFTER ADDITIONAL WORKING SESSIONS WITH MFA AND CALLS ON PRINCE JUAN CARLOS AND VICE PRESIDENT CARRERO BLANCO. JOINT COMMUNIQUE SAID TWO FONMINS HAD FRANK, CORDIAL TALKS IN DEPTH ON MATTERS OF " PRIMORDIAL " INTEREST TO MOROCCO AND " LEVELY " INTEREST TO SPAIN, AND THAT TALKS DEMONSTRATED AIM OF " SETTING SOLID AND LASTING BASIS FOR DEVELOPING COOPERATION RESPONSIVE TO ASPIRATIONS OF BOTH PEOPLE".

2. AT AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE, BENHIMA HAD EXTENSIVE DIALOGUE WITH PRESS, MAIN POINTS OF WHICH AS FOLLOWS:

A. WE HAVE OVERCOME SUSPICION AND A TENSE SITUATION AND ESTABLISHED A REALISTIC BASIS FOR FRANK DISCUSSIONS.

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B. " RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO OVER
LAST 17 YEARS UNFORTUNATELY DID NOT SEEM CONDUCIVE TO
PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED OUR RELATIONS
FOR CENTURIES AND PARTICULARLY AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS
CENTURY. WE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT AFTER MOROCCAN
INDEPENDENCE SPAIN LOST INTEREST IN US, AND MOROCCO
FOUND FRIENDSHIPS, RELATIONS, AND ASSISTANCE SOMETIMES
FROM COUNTRIES GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTANT AND INTELLECTUALLY,
FROM THE CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW, FAR FROM SPAIN
KHAN DESCRIBING CURRENT BALUCHISTAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
AS ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND SHORTLY BEFORE APRIL 27
AFTERNOON MEETING OF UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT IN QUETTA,
GOVERNOR AKBAR KHAN BUGTI SUMMONED PRESS CONFERENCE
AND ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF MINISTER AND TWO
MINISTERS. NAMED TO BE CHIEF MINISTER WAS ALL PAKISTAN
(QAYYUM) MUSLIM LEAGUE MPA JAM MIR GHULAM KADIR KHAN
(JAM SAHIB OF LAS BELA). TWO OTHERS PICKED AS MINISTERS
WERE MPA MAULVI MIAN MOHAMMAD HASAN SHAH, A DEFECTOR
FROM THE NAP/ JUI COALITION, AND MIR YUSUF ALI MAGSI, POST-
ELECTION CONVERT TO PPP. CHIEF MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT
ADDITIONAL MINISTERS WOULD BE NAMED LATER. GOVERNOR
STATED PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE CALLED WHEN NEEDED,
AND WOULD DEFINITELY MEET FOR JUNE BUDGET SESSION, IF NOT
BEFORE. FUDGING QUESTION WHETHER HIS APPOINTEES ENJOYED
MAJORITY SUPPORT IN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, GOVERNOR BUGTI
NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT ENJOYED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE PROVINCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO POCKETS
(READ MENGALISTAN AND MARRISTAN).

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, UDF SPOKESMEN
CONTINUED THEIR CRITICISM OF BHUTTO REGIME, ADDING THAT
GOVERNOR BUGTI' S ACTION APPOINTING A MINORITY GOVERNMENT
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF REGIME' S UNDEMOCRATIC METHODS. WALI
KHAN OF NAP REITERATED HIS DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRIAL OF
YAHYA KHAN TO EXPOSE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEPARATION
OF EAST PAKISTAN. HE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT
EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO CREATE BAD BLOOD BETWEEN
SINDHIS AND MUHAJIRS (REFUGEES), PATHANS AND DGLUCH, AND PATHANS
AND PUNJABIS, AND THAT ISSUE AT STAKE WAS NOT ONE OF
MINISTRIES BUT PROTECTION OF THE COUNTRY' S INTEGRITY.
WALI ALSO REFERRED TO A RECENTLY PUBLISHED INTERVIEW
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WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN SAYING SHAH' S REQUEST THAT INDIA
COOPERATE WITH PAKISTAN TO CURB AUTONOMOUS MOVEMENTS
IN NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN SHOULD BE EYE- OPENER TO PEOPLE
OF PAKISTAN AND QUESTIONED WHY PRESIDENT BHUTTO HAD
NOT COMMENTED ON THIS STATEMENT. MEETING PASSED
RESOLUTION DEMANDING DISSOLUTION OF " UNDEMOCRATIC
GOVERNMENT" IN BALUCHISTAN. ONE PRESS REPORT STATES

THAT EXPLOSION OF FIRECRACKERS DURING ONE SPEECH RESULTED IN SOME ATTENDEES FLEEING AND NOT RETURNING. HOWEVER, DESPITE EVIDENTLY WELL- ATTENDED RECEPTION FOR UDF LEADERS AND SUBSEQUENT PROCESSION THROUGH QUETTA, THERE NO REPORTS OF OTHER UNTOWARD INCIDENTS.

3. COMMENT: GOVERNOR'S HESITANCY TO CALL PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY AND CALL FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN NEW MINISTRY SUGGESTS THERE SOME BASIS TO NAP/ JUI POSITION THAT BUGTI FRAMING WHAT IS CURRENTLY MINORITY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, BUGTI HAS BOUGHT HIMSELF SOME TIME AND IT IS LIKELY THAT YET- TO- BE- FILLED MINISTERIAL POSTS WILL BE DANGLED AS BAIT TO WIN CONVERTS (AS HAS EVIDENTLY ALREADY BEEN THE CASE WITH MAULVI MIAN MOHAMMAD HASAN SHAH) AND FORGE A MAJORITY. NAP CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1 IN QUETTA MAY CALL FOR " NON- COOPERATION" WITH BUGTI GOVERNMENT, BUT IMPACT OF SUCH A PROGRAM QUESTIONABLE BECAUSE AREAS OF CONCENTRATIONS OF POPULATION NOT HOTBEDS OF NAP SUPPORT, AND NON- COOPERATION IN SPARSELY POPULATED TRIBAL AREAS NOT LIKELY TO HAVE MUCH IMPACT. REFUSAL TO PAY TAXES, FOR INSTANCE, PRETTY MUCH AN ACADEMIC QUESTION IN THE DEFICIL PROVINCE OF BALUCHISTAN, WHERE ABOLISHED " SISHAK" (DUES TO TRIBAL CHIEFS) IN ANY CASE STILL MORE OF FACT OF LIFE TO TRIBESMEN THAN ANY OBLIGATION TO GOVERNMENT.
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